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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Jon A. Wolff,)
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Aaron G. Loomis)

Serial No.: 09/328,975)

Filed: 6/9/99)

Group Art Unit: 1632)

Examiner: Richard Schnizer

For: Charge Reversal of Polyion Complexes

ELECTION TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

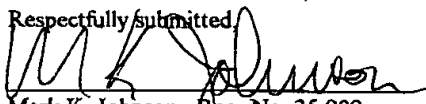
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2000:

Applicants elect succinylated PLL, succinylated PEI, polyglutamic acid, polyaspartic acid, polyacrylic acid and polymethacrylic acid to be examined at this time as a group consisting of artificial polymers for claims 5, 12, and 17. If requested, Applicants will amend the claims to recite "artificial polymers" to satisfy the requirement.

Applicants elect pegylated derivatives for claims 7, 14, and 18.

Respectfully submitted,


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